

California Entry Requirements for Cattle

To Protect the Health of Our Livestock

A. Interstate Livestock Entry Permit. Prior to entering California, a permit from the Animal Health Branch, valid for 15 days, is required for:

- All intact female cattle
- Beef bulls over 18 months of age
- Dairy bulls over 6 months of age
- Breeding cattle from states that are not tuberculosis or brucellosis "Free"

The owner's name, physical address and telephone number are required. Call 916-651-6278 for permits.



B. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). A CVI is required for:

- Female cattle over 4 months of age
- Dairy bulls over 6 months of age
- Beef bulls over 18 months of age
- Breeding cattle from states that are not tuberculosis or brucellosis "Free"
- Any cattle requiring an official test.

C. Official Identification. All cattle moving with a CVI require official identification on the certificate using either:

- Official brucellosis calfhood vaccination tags
- State or federal approved tags
- "Premises Identification Number" tattoos
- Registration tattoos
- Any other device approved for use by CDFA or USDA
- Registered brands may be substituted for official identification under certain circumstances.



D. Official Brucellosis Calfhood Vaccination. Brucellosis vaccination, indicated by a legible tattoo is required for:

- Female cattle over 4 months of age

E. Brucellosis Test. All sexually intact cattle over 18 months of age (or that have calved) from states that are not "Free" require a negative blood test within 30 days of entry and individual identification on official forms

Exceptions: Cattle originating in Certified Free Herds when the herd number and date of last negative whole herd test are recorded on CVI.

F. Trichomonosis Test. Bulls over 18 months of age require a negative trichomonosis test sample collected 10 days after last contact with sexually mature cows and within 60 days prior to entry into California

Exceptions:

- Bulls for exhibition, confined to location
- Bulls for artificial insemination

G. Tuberculosis Test.

- Dairy breeding cattle over 6 months of age from any state require a negative TB test within 60 days prior to entry
- Beef breeding cattle over 6 months of age originating from states that are not "Free" require a negative TB test within 60 days prior to entry

- Contact Animal Health Branch for cattle coming from Michigan.

Exceptions:

- Cattle from Accredited Free Herds when the herd number and date of last negative whole herd test are recorded on CVI.

CDFA Animal Health Branch	
Sacramento (HQ)	916-654-1447
Permit Line	916-651-6278
USDA/APHIS/VS 916-854-3900 or 877-741-3690	
Livestock Movement Website:	
http://www.cdca.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/permits.html	

NOTE: Brand Inspection requirements remain in affect.